

Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship



October 4, 2009 10:15 a.m.



WELCOME TO LIVING HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We are happy to have you worshiping with us this morning. Living Hope is a member congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. We worship the one true God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who has saved us by grace alone.

Please take a moment to fill out a visitor card, located in the Narthex. If you have questions about what it means to be a Christian or would like more information about our church, please talk to Pastor Goldschmidt or one of our Elders after today's worship service.

To respect our worship together, please turn off the sound on all electronic devices including cell phones and pagers. Thank You.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST-2009

Reflections on the Cross—The Theology of the Cross!

(Today we are following The Common Service found on page 15 in Christian Worship,)

OPENING HYMN (#106, "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain")

Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows to you, to me, to all,
In a full, perpetual tide,
Opened when our Savior died.

Come in poverty and meanness, Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness, From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white;
You shall walk with God in light.

Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, paralyzed, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore;
He that drinks shall thirst no more.

He that drinks shall live forever; 'Tis a soul renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never Break his covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died,
Sealed when he was glorified.

STAND

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: (sung) Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Silent reflection and meditation

People: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

People: (sung) Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

Pastor: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: (sung) Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Pastor: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

People: (sung) Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For you only are holy; you only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (sung) And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (sung) Amen.

BE SEATED

LESSON

Romans 7: 14-25

We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God -through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

HYMN (#376, *"Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness"*)

Jesus, your blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in that great day Who can a word against me say?
Fully through you absolved I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

Lord, I believe your precious blood, Which at the very throne of God
Forever will for sinners plead, For me—e'en for my soul— was shed.

Lord, I believe were sinners more Than sands upon the ocean shore,
You have for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.

When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies,
E'en then this shall be all my plea; Jesus has lived and died for me.

Jesus, be worshiped endlessly! Your boundless mercy has for me,
For me and all your hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

Before the Gospel the congregation sings: **Glory be to you, O Lord!**

GOSPEL LESSON AND SERMON TEXT

Mark 8: 34-38

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day, He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY (#453, "Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke")

"Come, follow me," the Savior spoke, "All in my way abiding.
Deny yourselves; the world forsake; Obey my call and guiding.
Oh, bear the cross, what e'er betide; Take my example for your guide.

"I am the light; I light the way, A godly life displaying.
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show How you should journey here below.

"My heart abounds in lowliness, My soul with love is glowing,
And gracious words my lips express, With meekness overflowing.
My heart, my mind, my strength, my all To God I yield; on him I call.

"I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your souls' salvation,
Your hearts from every guile to free, From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul And lead you to your heavenly goal."

Then let us follow Christ our Lord And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to his Word, In suffering be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain The crown of heavenly life obtain.

SERMON

Mark 8: 34-38

Deny Yourself!

After the sermon the congregation sings:

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from
me, Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your
free Spirit. Amen

BE SEATED

OFFERING

STAND

PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass
against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (sung) And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: (sung) We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: (sung) It is good and right so to do.

Pastor: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord..... who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory..... Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

People: (sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE SACRAMENT

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: (sung) Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD Agnus Dei

People: (sung)

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

Personal Prayer for Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

Personal Prayer for After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to praise and glory.

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON

People: (sung) Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

People: (sung) And his mercy endures forever.

Pastor: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (sung) Amen.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

People: (sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN (#469; *"Take My Life and Let It Be*

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord to thee.
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of they love,
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use Every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart—it is thine own; It shall be they royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour At thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee.

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Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee.

~~~~~WORSHIP NOTES~~~~~

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~~~~ANNOUNCEMENTS and INVITATIONS~~~~

The current issue of Forward in Christ and Meditations are in the back of the church and in the narthex on a book holder for you. Please pick up your copy.

Check the coat rack for lost items....there are also things in the kitchen that were left from VBS and our last potluck.

This fall the Adult Bible Class will study the tremendously insightful book by long-time WELS Pastor Daniel M. Duetschlander entitled *The Theology of the Cross: Reflection on His Cross and Ours* (NWH). This book will also be followed in a series of sermons in October and November.

The Finnish School uses our church premises for classes every Thursday morning and every other Saturday, during the school year.

.On October 17th, the LWMS Evergreen Circuit Rally will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church in Lacey. They would like to know how many will attend by Oct. 11th. Please contact Joylyn Phelan if you plan on going. Prof Cherney will be giving a presentation, Judy McCulloch will report on her experience teaching VBS in Ukraine this past summer and we will be making Christmas Cards for the Befriend a Mission missionaries.

You are all invited to our 50th Anniversary Celebration! Rev. Joel Nitz will be the guest preacher, as his father was the pastor of Faith at the founding of the school. Faith Lutheran School in Tacoma will be celebrating on Saturday, October 10th, 2009. Please join us for our special day. Our service will begin at 4:00 and a dinner and entertainment will follow at 5:30. Please RSVP as you are able by contacting our church office at (253) 537-2696, email at office@faith-wels.org or online at www.faitth-wels.org/school.cfm, but join us either way!

.....Preschool Schedule for Three and Four Year Olds:.....

Monday	9 a.m.—Noon	4 year olds
Tuesday	9 a.m.—Noon	3 year olds
Wednesday	9 a.m.—Noon	4 year olds
Thursday	9 a.m.—Noon	3 year olds
Friday	9 a.m.—Noon	4 year olds

Monday through Friday Lunch Bunch: Noon—1 p.m.

Monday and Friday there is a Multi-age Class from 1p.m.—3:15 p.m.

~~~~~WE THANK THOSE WHO ARE SHARING THEIR GIFTS OF SERVICE~~~~~

October 4th:

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| Greeters   | Merry and Bill McIntyre              |
| Ushers     | Brent Gaulke, Roland Gaulke          |
| Nursery    | Suze Goldschmidt, Jordan Goldschmidt |
| Open/Close | Ruben Alanis                         |
| Cleaning   | Team#3, LaBorde, Stone               |
| Organist   | Sandi Reeves                         |
| Lay Reader | Rocket Williams                      |

Sunday October 11th:

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| Greeters   | Audrey and Jim Mulvihill        |
| Ushers     | Gerry Kriesel, Wayne Stearns    |
| Nursery    | Aimee Heimbigner, Melinda Stone |
| Open/Close | Phil Cook, Ross Heimbigner      |
| Cleaning   | Team #4: Heimbigner, Copeland   |
| Organist   | Sandi Reeves                    |

~~~~~ LOOKING FORWARD AT LIVING HOPE, THE LORD WILLING ~~~~~

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| Today, October 4th: | Worship Service with Communion 10:15 a.m. |
| Monday, October 5th: | Worship Meeting at 7 p.m. |
| Sunday, October 11th: | Bible Class and Sunday School 9:00 a. m.
Worship Service 10:15 a.m. |

In October the Stewardship committee is planning on having Cottage Meetings in members homes and at the church.

Below is a list of places and dates. Please plan ahead to attend.

At the home of Garth and Roberta Wheeler, Thurs 1st or Tues 6th

At the home of Sandi and Mike Reeves, Monday Oct 12th

By the Goldschmidts' here at the church on Sunday Oct 18th

At the home of Lance and Vicky Eblen on Thurs Oct 22nd

At the home of Chad and Jill DeVlieger on Sunday Oct 25th

Prior to the Cottage Meetings the Stewardship Committee would like each person to fill out a survey which can be picked up in the narthex. If you have questions please direct them to Chad DeVlieger, Stewardship Chairman. Thank you.

SERMON NOTES

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